

Current Status of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

What is claimed is:

1. (cancelled)
2. (currently amended) The article recited in Claim 25 wherein said adhesive layer forms a strip around said ~~flange~~ outer surface.
3. (previously presented) The article recited in Claim 25 wherein said adhesive layer covers said flange.
4. (previously presented) The article recited in Claim 25 wherein said fastener has a substantially circular cross-section.
5. (withdrawn) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said fastener has a hexagonal cross-section.
6. (previously presented) The article recited in Claim 25 wherein said outer surface further comprises at least one ridge.
7. (cancelled)
8. (cancelled)
9. (withdrawn) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said outer surface further comprises a knurled portion.
10. (withdrawn) The article recited in Claim 9 wherein said adhesive layer is located on said knurled portion of said outer surface.
11. (withdrawn) The article recited in Claim 10 wherein said adhesive layer covers said knurled portion.
12. (previously presented) The article recited in Claim 25 wherein said adhesive layer comprises a threadlocking composition.
13. (original) The article recited in Claim 12 wherein said threadlocking composition comprises methacrylate ester.
14. (original) The article recited in Claim 12 wherein said threadlocking composition comprises an epoxy.

15. (previously presented) The article recited in Claim 25 wherein a portion of said inner surface is threaded.

16. (cancelled)

17. (cancelled)

18. (previously presented) The article recited in Claim 25 wherein said flange comprises a knurled portion.

19. (original) The article recited in Claim 18 wherein said knurled portion of said flange has adhesive thereon.

20. (previously presented) The article recited in Claim 25 further comprising a stud.

21. (withdrawn) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said outer surface comprises at least one slot.

22. (previously presented) The article recited in Claim 25 wherein said adhesive is enclosed in microcapsules.

23. (previously presented) The article recited in Claim 25 wherein said fastener has a closed end.

24. (previously presented) The article recited in Claim 25 wherein said fastener has an open end.

25. (currently amended) An article for fastening comprising:

a fastener selected from the group including a rivet nut, a rivet nut stud, a threaded insert, and a blind threaded insert, wherein said fastener has an inner surface, an outer surface, and a flange, wherein at least a portion of said outer surface is operatively arranged to expand, and at least a portion of a surface of said flange has an adhesive thereon.